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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
receiving a request to make a change to a new identity context for an identity, wherein said identity context is associated with said identity and provides an availability status of said identity; and
mapping said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity, wherein said device context provides an availability status of the device; and
providing data indicative of said device context.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving said request to make said change to said new identity context for said identity includes receiving said request from an identity context oriented application.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said mapping said new identity context to said device context for said device associated with said identity includes determining said device.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said mapping said new identity context to said device context for said device associated with said identity includes determining said device context associated with said device.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said mapping said new identity context to said device context for said device associated with said identity includes accessing a mapping table.

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6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining said device.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining said device context for said device.
8. (Cancel)
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8~~1~~, wherein said providing data
indicative of said device context includes providing said data indicative of said device
context to a presence and availability service.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
changing an identity context for said identity from a first identity context to said
new identity context in response to said request.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
providing data indicative of said new identity context.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
registering with a presence and availability service.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said providing data
indicative of said device context further comprises providing said data indicative of said
device context to said presence and availability service.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
detecting a new device context for a second device, wherein said second device
is associated with a second identity; and
mapping said new device context to an identity context for said second identity.

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15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said detecting said new device context for said second device includes detecting said new device context in a presence and availability service.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said detecting said new device context for said second device includes receiving a request to change said second device's device context.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said mapping said new device context to said identity context for said second identity includes determining said second identity.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:
receive a request to make a change to new identity context for an identity, wherein said identity context is associated with said identity and provides an availability status of said identity;
map said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity, wherein said device context provides an availability status of the device;
and
provide data indicative of said device context.

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor;
a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device; and

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a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

receive a request to make a change to new identity context for an identity, wherein said identity context is associated with said identity and provides an availability status of said identity;

map said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity, wherein said device context provides an availability status of the device; and

provide data indicative of said device context.